

BEFORE  
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF  
SOUTH CAROLINA  
DOCKET NO. 2001-472-C - ORDER NO. 2002-39

JANUARY 18, 2002

IN RE:	Application of E-Z Access USA, Inc. for	)	ORDER APPROVING
	Approval of Flexible Regulation of its Local	)	FLEXIBLE
	Telecommunications Services.	)	REGULATION

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) on the Application of E-Z Access USA, Inc. (E-Z Access or the Company) for approval of flexible regulation of its local exchange services. The Company requests that the Commission adopt a rate structure incorporating maximum rate levels for its local exchange service offerings with the flexibility for adjustment below the maximum rate levels in keeping with the procedures established for flexible regulation in Order No. 98-165 in Docket No. 97-467-C. Specifically, E-Z Access requests that its local exchange tariff filings be presumed valid upon filing, subject to the Commission's right within thirty (30) days to institute an investigation of the tariff filing, in which case such tariff filings would be suspended pending further Order of the Commission. Finally, the Company requests that any such tariff filings will be subject to the same monitoring process as similarly situated competitive local exchange carriers.

As per the instructions of the Commission's Executive Director, E-Z Access's Notice of Filing was published in the Commission's subscription service. No Protests or Petitions to Intervene were received. Accordingly, we will dispose of the matter in summary fashion.

Flexible regulation, as described above, has proven to be a valuable competitive tool for competitive local exchange carriers. We therefore hold that E-Z Access's request for flexible regulation is hereby approved as filed.

This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

  
Chairman

ATTEST:

  
Executive Director

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